(c) the number of similar cases where Hon'ble Court had decided to merger both the scales; and

(d) whether all these cases were brought to the knowledge of the Department of Personnel & Training (DPT)?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) to (d) The two scales of Lift Operators in the CPWD were merged as per the judgement of the Supreme Court in a writ petition filed by the Lift Operators. Since this judgement was not applicable to the pay sales of Junior Engineers, the two scales of Junior Engineers in the CPWD have not been merged. So far as the CPWD is concerned there are no similar cases where the Supreme Court had decided to merge the scales.

Amendment in laws relating to resignation of Members of Parliament and State Legislatures

1392. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA : Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating many changes in law relating to the resignation of Members of Parliament or State Legislatures; and

(b) if so, the details therof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Consumer Protection Act, 1986

1393. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Supreme Court in early February had issued notices for early reply to the Union Government and nine States on a petition seeking speedy implementation of the provisions of the Consumer Protection Act, 1986;

(b) what has been the response thereto and follow up action taken thereon; and

(c) whether Government propose to give top priority for establishing consumer Greivances Redressal bodies at the national, State and other levels if so, the results thereof in these 27 months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Government is filling a counter affidavit if the case.

(c) Government accords high priority for establishing consumer Grievance Redressal bodies at national, State and other levels. At the national level National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission has already started functioning. In 7 States/UTs, the redressal machinery have started functioning. 8 other States/UTs have notified such machinery. In addition, Central Government has conveyed its approval to 5 States to set up this machinery. Central Government has been exhorting the State Government/UT. administrations set up redressal machinery early.